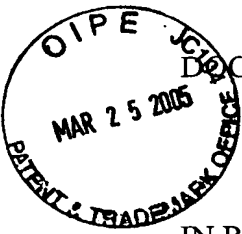


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 13, 2004, please amend the  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
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